

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Please do not air the anti-Kerry smear without balancing it with a piece like "Going Upriver" by the Kerry campaign.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, it is a danger to democracy and press freedom. Local stations should not be forced to air one-sided propaganda pieces instead of real honest local programming.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.